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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

In New York, prices were unchanged from last Friday. Elsewhere, regional prices were higher on all weights when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to at times good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Breaking stock offerings were limited to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were usually adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were 5 cents higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good due in part to extreme winter weather in the area over the weekend. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.
EXTRA LARGE	84-93	87-90	
LARGE	83-92	85-88	
MEDIUM	65-74	67-70	

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	65-74	69
MEDIUM	47-53	51
SMALL	43-47	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices of extra large, large and medium were higher compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to full steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to instances good, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were generally adequate for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-105	94-97
LARGE	86-100	91-95
MEDIUM	68-81	73-75

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good. Distributive movement was light to moderate. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
LARGE	89.5-98	91-94
MEDIUM	70.5-79	72-75

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand was light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the moderate demand. Spent hens were usually adequate for a fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	88.25-100	94-97
LARGE	85.25-98	92-95
MEDIUM	68.25-78	71-75

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes in comparison to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand ranged light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	100-104
LARGE	98-102
MEDIUM	80-84

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-99	92-94
LARGE	89-97	90-92
MEDIUM	71-79	72-74

**WESTERN** Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 5 cents higher on large, and 3 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last week with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 14%. Retailer demand light. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 5 cents higher on large, and 3 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last week. Retailer demand light overall. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 89.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	137
EXTRA LARGE	136
LARGE	129
MEDIUM	109

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-309
LARGE	269-329
LARGE	189-309
MEDIUM	169-289

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	NOT AVAILABLE
LARGE	
MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 02, 2007 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 23, 2007 were 327,066 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	279,540	47,526	327,066

% change from the

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
prior week.....	-4	+19	-2

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was light while offerings were usually adequate. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-56	53-55
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-47	43-45

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product was at least moderate. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-FEB-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9		6.64

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent havy fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 26-FEB-07

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3.75-9.5		6.59

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

#### CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 12, 2007.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.97	1.95	1.73	1.19

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF FEB 12, 2007 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.52	1.52	1.30	.77

#### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- FEB 12, 2007

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		North Northeast	South Cent	South Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	23.5	9.5	10.2	16.5
	Change	0.4	0.4	0.0	-0.9	1.2
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.1	44.4	19.0	22.5	44.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.3	1.8	-0.3	0.0
Large	Curr Wk	33.4	112.2	90.1	104.9	133.6
	Change	-1.3	1.9	-6.5	-1.2	6.4
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	50.3	18.7	20.8	38.7
	Change	0.3	5.0	1.4	-2.5	5.1
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	9.5	4.9	2.8	5.5
	Change	0.1	0.7	0.3	-1.3	0.0
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	21.2	6.7	8.9	6.0
	Change	-0.5	0.1	-1.4	-3.7	-0.2
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.5	73.1	16.8	29.9	28.6
	Change	-5.1	4.3	-4.6	2.8	2.2
Total	Curr Wk	95.2	334.2	165.7	200.0	273.2
Percent	Change	-6%	3%	-5%	-3%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,068.3	0%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	267.8	1%	33

Total Shell Egg	1,336.1	0%	190
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO ATL	PACIFIC	5-AREA SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	101.7	323.1	174.7	207.1	258.5

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEB 23, 2007

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS		
11.00								5.75								16.75		
SE			NE		MW			SC			NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	68.50	—	—	71.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	90.00	1.00			
GNR W 2	—	—	68.50	70.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	84.33	4.00			
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	58.50	—	—	—	—	63.00	2.00			
GL W XL	—	—	82.00	83.50	77.88	—	5.75											
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	72.50	—	4.00											
GL W MD	—	—	60.50	62.00	53.00	—	3.00											

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/19/07-02/23/07

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS		107.75
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	67.50	68.00	66.38	68.58	—	65.67	21.00	GNR BR 1	—	95.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GNR W 2	—	—	68.50	70.00	—	—	1.00	GL W J	76.00	—	—	—	—	87.88	4.00			
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	46.00	48.00	1.00	GL W XL	79.67	84.80	—	91.00	—	89.33	10.50			
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	75.00	78.00	—	89.00	—	85.90	19.50			
GL W J	—	—	—	—	72.00	—	1.00	GL W MD	54.22	—	—	64.25	63.50	63.11	8.75			
GL W XL	—	80.38	79.23	83.97	78.45	—	32.75	GL W SM	50.00	—	—	—	—	58.00	1.00			
GL W LG	—	88.00	76.75	80.48	76.07	—	34.25	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL W MD	67.00	—	60.63	62.56	53.00	—	11.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00			
GL W SM	57.50	60.50	52.50	55.75	57.00	56.33	5.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00			
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00											
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	112.00	—	2.00											
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	54.00	54.60	14.00											

EIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.  
 THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.  
 NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/19/07	02/12/07	02/20/06
PACIFIC COAST	21	21	107
LOS ANGELES	18	18	105

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** FEB 26, 2007

The market is steady small, higher on the balance. Supplies are well balanced. Retail demand is fair.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109.22
LARGE	108.00
MEDIUM	88.00
SMALL	80.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS** FEBRUARY 26, 2007

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	229 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 158	130 - 134
Large doz. 2	224 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 149	125 - 128

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